

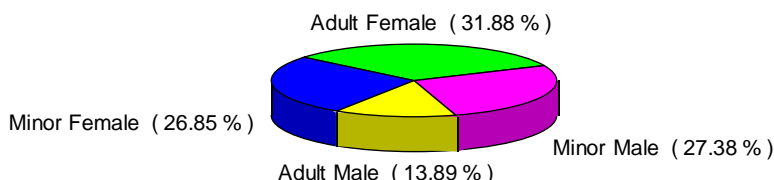
Wisconsin Food Stamp Program At a Glance

All data is for (or as of) the month of April, 2002¹

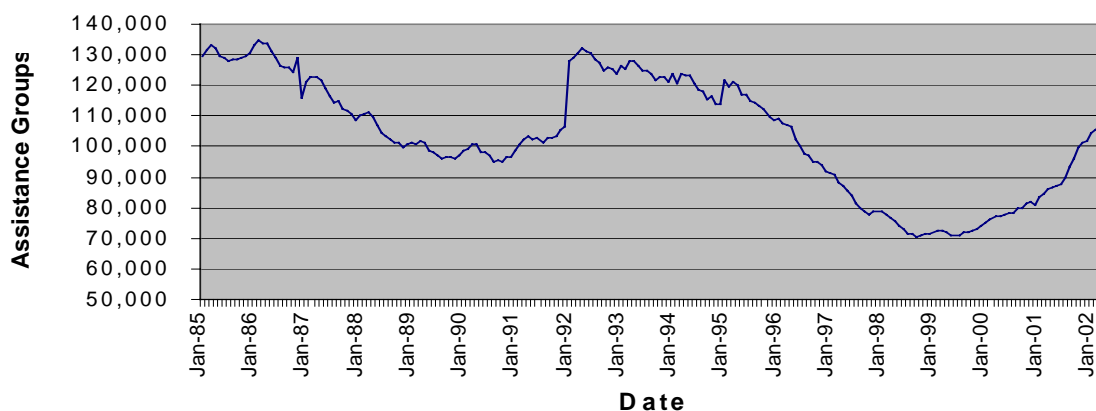
Who gets food stamps in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty:** 5% of the 5.3 million people in Wisconsin receive FS.² On average over the past three years, 8.8% of the state population is at or below the federal poverty rate.³
- **Assistance Groups (AGs)/Individuals:** 107,426 Assistance groups are made up of 265,735 individuals. The AG size increased 1% from last month. There are an average of 2.5 people in an AG.
- **Gender:** 59% are female and 41% are male.
- **Adults/Minors:** 46% are adults while 54% are minors. 59% of AGs have minors in them.
- **Historical Caseload Trend:** The statewide caseload continues to increase at a steady rate. Since May of 2001 (one year ago), the AGs have increased at an average of 1.9% per month.

Adult Status and Gender Chart



FS Caseload 1993 to present

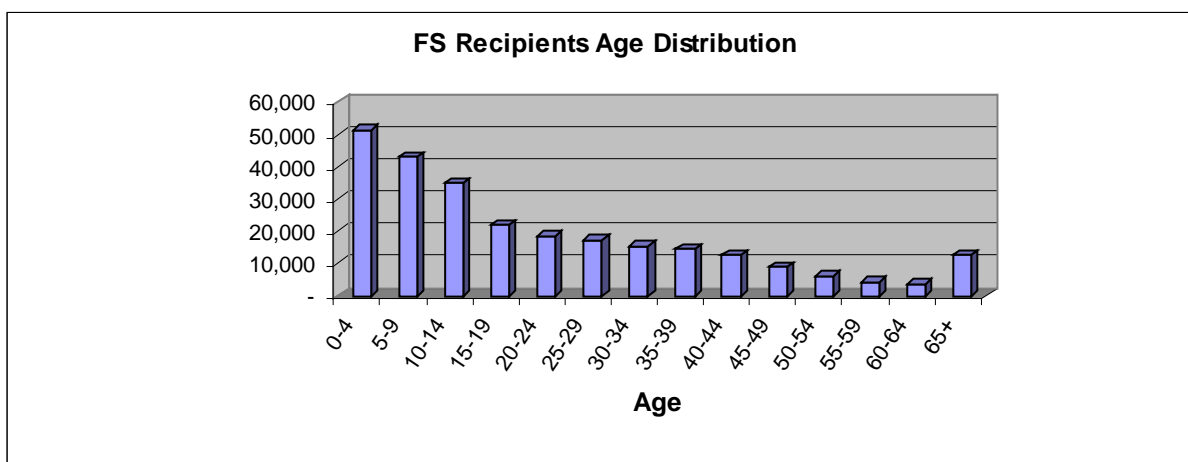
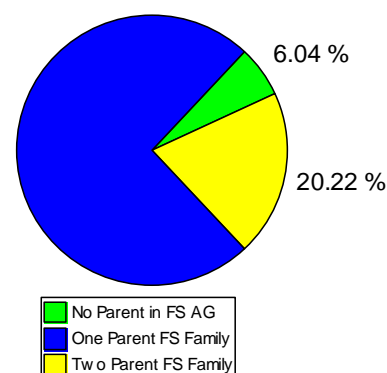


¹ Source: DWD/DWS FS Data Warehouse

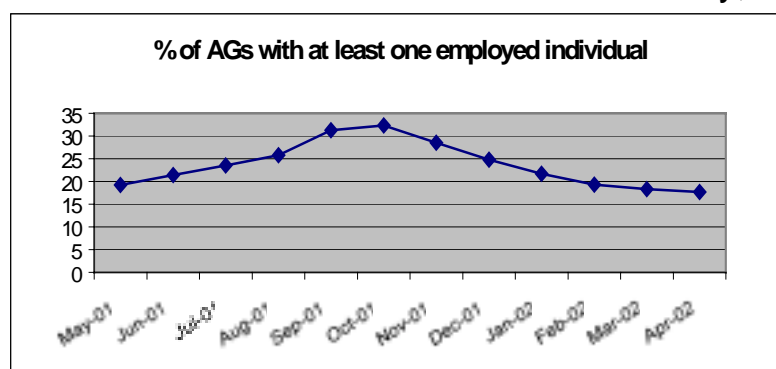
² Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html>

³ Source: U. S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/p60-214.pdf>

- **Minors and Their Parents:** Of the AG's that contain minors, 73.74% have one parent in the AG, 20.22% have two parents, and 6.04% have no parents in the household. "Parent" is defined as a biological parent.
- **Parents That Are Minors:** 938 minors in 920 FS AGs are parents. That's 1/3 of 1 percent of the individuals that receive FS.
- **Age Distribution:** The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age, in ranges of 5 years. The largest age group is comprised of children under age 4.



- **Elderly/Disabled:** 16.2% of FS recipients are either elderly, blind, or disabled. 40% of AGs contain at least one individual that is either elderly, blind, or disabled.
- **Work/Earnings:** 17.7% of the AGs have at least one person working. This is a decrease of .5% from last month, which decreased 1% from the month before. The average monthly earned income of those AGs' is \$946, a reduction on average of \$4 per AG from last month and \$25 from the month before that.⁴ 31.8% of adult FS recipients are employed. Currently, the unemployment rate in Wisconsin is 5.4%.⁵



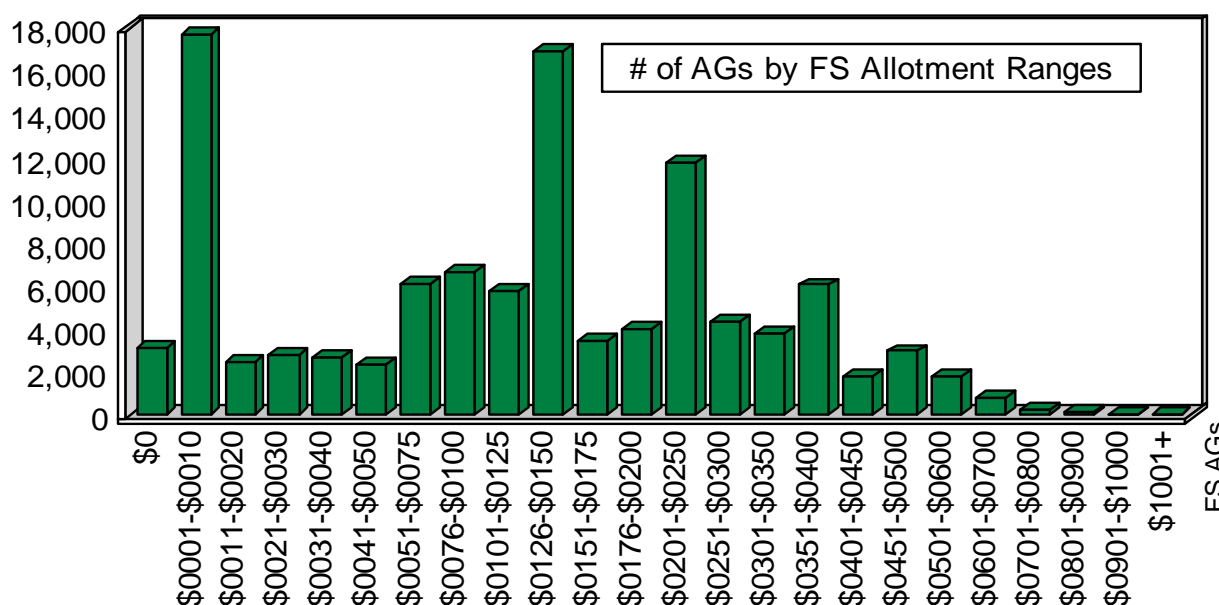
⁴ This statistic contains prospective income for cases that may have caused the case to close at the end of the report month. Therefore, the income reported here was not necessarily the income used to calculate eligibility or the allotment amount.

⁵ Source: DWD Labor Market Information at http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi/employ_civilianlaborForce.htm

- **Working Families:** A "working family" is defined as a FS AG that contains at least one minor, at least one parent of a minor, and at least one employed recipient. This is an attempt to explore those FS recipients that have children and are able to work. Working families make up 26.2% of the statewide FS AGs, average 4 persons per AG, and average \$1,079 in earned income per month. Other stats are available below.

	Working Family AGs	Avg. Recipients per AG	Avg. Earned Income per AG/month	Avg. Unearned Income per AG/month	Avg. FS Allotment per AG/month
One-Parent	20,796	3.3	\$1,022	\$186	\$170
Two-Parent	7,320	4.9	\$1,263	\$224	\$253
Combined	28,116	4.0	\$1,085	\$192	\$196

- **Able Bodied Adults (With or Without Dependents) and Employment:** 43% of Able Bodied Adult FS recipients (non elderly, non-disabled adults) are employed. These individuals may or may not have children.
- **Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs):** Wisconsin recently received a waiver of the federal regulations regarding ABAWD policy. Therefore, this statistic will no longer be tracked.
- **Allotments:** A total of \$16.9 million in food stamp benefits were allotted for the month. The average allotment amount per AG is \$158. The average allotment for AGs that contain an elderly, blind, or disabled member is \$94. However, 19% of the caseload only receives between \$0 and \$10 in allotments.



Allotments (continued):

Allotments have increased 31% since May of 2001. AG's and recipients have increased 23% and 22% respectively over the same time range.

- **Quality Control Error Rate Data:**

For FFY 2001, Wisconsin's error rate was 13.14 %. The national average was 8.66%. The average error rate so far for FFY 2002 (October 2001 - February 2002) is 12.4%.

